

MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Date February 28, 2018

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Hollister was called to order by Chairman Gordon Machado on February 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 375 Fifth Street, Hollister, California.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Recited.

3) Roll Call: Roll was answered as follows:

Present: Chairman Gordon Machado, Commissioners Deane Judd , Fred Meyer, Jose Martinez, Robbie Scattini, and Marge Sunzeri; and Executive Secretary Mike Chambliss

Absent: Commissioner Steve Huston.

4) Verification of Agenda Posting

The Agenda for the Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Hollister Regular meeting of February 28 was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall on February 15 at 10:00am per government code 54954.2.

5) Consent

It was moved by Commissioner Judd and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve as presented the minutes of the Airport Advisory Commission meeting of January 24, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

6) Public Input

a) There were no comments from the public

7) Reports

a) Airport Improvement Program - Rehabilitation Runway 13-31 Phase I (17) - Airport Director Mike Chambliss reported that FAA approval for the project was received just this afternoon.

Our preconstruction meeting will be held on Thursday March 8, we'll provide a notice to proceed on March 16, and we expect phase zero through phase one to take place from March 17 to April 27. From about April 13 through April 27 runways 13/31 will be closed. Runways 6/24 will remain open.

8) Old Business

a) Flag Pole/Picnic Area - Project is progressing. Some extra posts have been added in the back with a wall built between them. This was done to allow additional shade to be provided. The shades are being manufactured by Rose Upholstery in Hollister. The wall will have a nice feature to-be-announced. A pedestal is yet to be constructed/poured for the HAA plaque. Also, two planters will be built by local Boy Scouts. All development is expected to be completed in time for a dedication on Memorial Day this year.

b) New Business

- a) AIP Airport Improvement Program - This has been approved by the City Council and has been incorporated into the CIP program. The airport projects were approved by the City Manager.

The next four years' projects approved are

- Design and environmental work on the west-side parallel taxiway (taxiway "K", parallel to "A" but on the opposite side of 31);
- Construction of taxiway K;
- Design and environmental work on taxiway lighting for taxiways A and C;
- Construction of the A and C taxiway lighting.

The above four years of projects will cost approximately \$6,000,000.00.

Salamanders have been declared as not present in the taxiway project areas, but additional clearance will be needed to be performed in the area of the realignment runway 6 approach end.

- b) Budget - Mike Chambless reported that since our last meeting the City Manager decided he wanted a two-year budget, so the commission was presented with a two year budget spread sheet.

Mike also noted that California has decided to regulate the use and emissions of diesel powered off-road power equipment. The state is regulating it by requiring diesel engines to comply with what is known as "tier 4" regulations. Currently the backhoe at the airport is a tier 0 and will have to be disposed of immediately. A tier 1 backhoe at the water department is planned to be replaced, and Mike has proposed their current tier 1 backhoe come to the airport, as the state program allows ongoing use of tier 1 machines at no more than 200 hours per year.

The City's skip loader and bobcat are use at the airport and will need to be replaced. As a result, the latest budget shows the airport paying a portion of the replacement cost for them. Also, Mike expects to get approval to apply for a grant from the state that will cover 65% of the replacement cost of those two pieces of equipment, so the actual cost may be reduced.

Also shown in the new budget is a share of the cost of a piece of equipment called a Paint Hog that allows cleaning or stripping of thermoplastic painted lines on pavement.

The airport's share of the three pieces of new equipment is budgeted at ~\$90,000.00.

With Mike's able assistance, the revised (two-year) budget was reviewed by the commission.

- c) CalFire Update - Mike Chambless is working closely with Assemblywoman Caballero's office to continue to apply pressure on the appropriated state government entities to request and fund CalFire's new base at Hollister. He did find out that a \$21M fire station in Morgan Hill was funded last year. Talks are continuing.
- d) AWOS Issue - Mike Chambless asked commissioner Judd to explain the issue with the rain gauge on the Hollister AWOS (Automated Weather Observing System). The explanation is as follows:

Background: In addition to continuously transmitting weather information locally on 120.425 MHz, the AWOS base station makes weather data available on what is known as a NADIN

(National Airspace Data Interchange Network) interface every minute or so. In our case, every five minutes this weather data is taken (via the internet) by a service provider for display on a web page (www.anyawos.com/kcvh). Additionally, every 20 minutes (15, 35, and 55 minutes after the hour) the weather data is forwarded by anyawos.com to the NADIN for dissemination to a variety of users including the NOAA National Weather Service Aviation Weather Center where it is available as a METAR (Meteorological Terminal Aviation Routine) weather report to all aviation users. Included in the AWOS equipment is a rain gauge, and cumulative rain amounts are normally included in the NADIN reports

Issue: Prior to the replacement last year of the AWOS base station computer, cumulative rain throughout the hour was reported along with other weather data on the NADIN interface. As a result, METAR users and others could have a report every 20 minutes of the rainfall amounts occurring at the airport, and every 5 minutes if using the anyawos.com web site.

Last year the DOS-based base station computer failed and was determined to be unrepairable. It was replaced with a modern (Windows based) computer with many improvements as to usability, etc. Subsequently we discovered that cumulative rainfall amounts are now only reported at the NADIN interface at precisely 55 minutes past the hour, with no reports at any other time.

Commissioner Judd queried our AWOS manufacturer, All Weather Inc., and was told by their service representative that that is how their new computer is programmed. Although cumulative rain data is accumulated internally, and is available locally at the base station, it is no longer sent out on the NADIN interface other than at 55 minutes past the hour. No satisfactory explanation was given for this change.

Commissioner Judd is of the opinion that we should insist All Weather Inc. change their software to behave in the same fashion as their old product. Airport Director Chambless agreed to call All Weather Inc., assisted by Commissioner Judd, to try to get their compliance.

10) Items for Next Agenda

Items 7a, 8a, 9a, 9c, and 9d the Restaurant rehabilitation.

11) Next Meeting Date: March 28, 2018

12) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Airport Advisory Commission, Commissioner Scattini moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sunzeri and was passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Chambless, Executive Secretary